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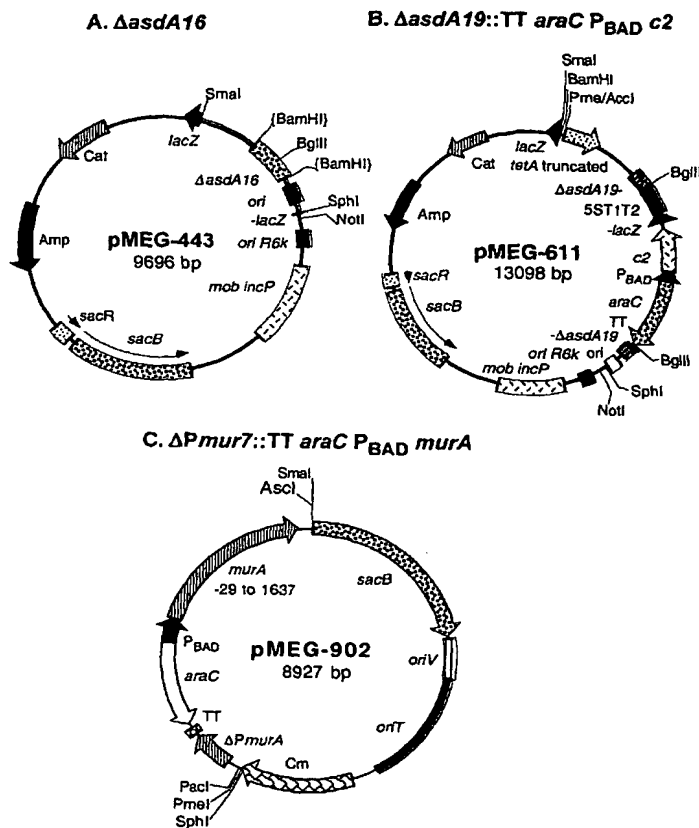
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(54) Title: REGULATED BACTERIAL LYSIS FOR GENE VACCINE VECTOR DELIVERY AND ANTIGEN RELEASE



(57) Abstract: The present invention generally relates to regulated host-vector systems for delivery of genetic vaccine vector or desired gene products to a eukaryotic host, preparations of bacterial genetic vaccines, genetically engineered microorganisms that are useful for delivery of genetic vaccine vectors or desired gene products, and methods of use for the host-vector system.



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